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Subject: RE: EPA FOIA regarding WA WQS
Date: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 5:17:39 PM

Thanks Matt---I have you on my call-back list and have been dealing with fire drills and/or out of the office all day today so hadn't gotten back to it. I will try and call you Thursday morning before you leave so we can at least touch base before both of us are out. Thanks much for the update and your assistance on this. I am also interested in talking about Ecology's "open letter" this week.

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From: Matthew Szelag [mailto:Szelag.Matthew@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 4:30 PM
To: Janette Brimmer
Cc: Angela Chung
Subject: RE: EPA FOIA regarding WA WQS

Hi Janette,

I wanted to follow up on my voice messages with an email update on the status of your FOIA request (#256-12) regarding Washington water quality standards. Due to vacation schedules, it has been difficult to compile all documents regarding this FOIA request, but we have made good progress in being able to provide you the releasable documents.

Prior to the July 27 deadline we discussed earlier, we will be sending an interim response letter and a CD with 376 electronic documents. I believe this will be the majority of releasable documents pertaining to the request.

We still need to continue our review of approximately 60 additional documents, the majority of which will likely be withheld. We should have a withholding log and any additional releasable documents we discover to you no later than August 24, completing our response to this FOIA request.

I'm sorry we've been unable to discuss this interim response plan over the phone, but I recall that you were going to be out on vacation next week (and maybe part of this week). I will also be out of the office starting tomorrow afternoon, returning Monday, July 30. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns regarding what I've outlined above.

If you would like to speak with someone while I'm out of the office, please contact Angela Chung at 206-553-6511.

Thanks,

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▼ Janette Brimmer ---06/07/2012 04:48:50 PM---Matt, Thank you. This conforms to my understanding of our discussion earlier today. I look forward

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To: Matthew Szelag/R10/USEPA/US@EPA
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Matt, Thank you. This conforms to my understanding of our discussion earlier today. I look forward to EPA's response. Let me know if you have additional questions.

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From: Matthew Szelag [<mailto:Szelag.Matthew@epamail.epa.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 4:10 PM

To: Janette Brimmer

Subject: EPA FOIA regarding WA WQS

Hi Janette,

Thank you very much for our discussion and your clarification regarding your FOIA request dated May 29, 2012 (FOIA #256-12) regarding Washington water quality standards. I wanted to summarize the clarifications you provided in writing so I can confirm we are in agreement.

- Regarding the first two request items, the documents requested are to include correspondence between EPA and Ecology as well as documents containing discussions within EPA. (Please note documents containing discussions within EPA may be withheld as deliberative).
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- Regarding the second request item, standards is not meant to apply to any WA water quality standards related item. Instead, only those documents related to FCR and the associated human health criteria revisions. This is also meant to include FCR documents relative to the Sediment Management Standards.
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- Regarding the fourth request item, the documents requested are only for communication with the

following individuals/organizations related to the above requests (triennial review, FCR, and implementation tools).

- We also agreed to an extension which revises the EPA response deadline to July 27, 2012.
- Paper or electronic documents are acceptable.

Please let me know if you have any alterations to what I've described above or if you have any additional clarifications regarding the request. Thanks again,

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